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Letter dated 24 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that, as Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, stated in the General Assembly on 14 September during the general debate, the Government of Cuba has deposited its instrument of ratification of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) which it signed on 5 December 1995.

The Government of Cuba also deposited the instrument of ratification of all the amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which were adopted in resolutions 209 (VII) and 268 (XII) of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The instruments of ratification of the Treaty and of all its amendments were delivered to the Government of the United Mexican States for deposit on Wednesday, 23 October 2002 in Mexico City. On 8 November 2002, there will be an official ceremony in Mexico City for the registering of the deposit.

With the deposit of the instruments of ratification by Cuba, the Treaty of Tlatelolco thus enters fully into force for all States of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Cuba reiterates once more its firm position in favour of the complete elimination of nuclear weapons from the face of the earth and its intention of cooperating fully with the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 66.

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